

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1.-9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:  
evaluating an Intelligent Network Application Part (INAP) part of a signaling message part of the IN query to determine the network operator.
11. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:  
evaluating a Signaling Connection Control Part (SCCP) part of a signaling message part of the IN query to determine the network operator.
12. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the IN query is transmitted by utilizing a signaling system no. 7.
13. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the IN query is transmitted by utilizing an Internet Protocol (IP) based network.
14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:  
responding to the IN query via the NP server stating routing information relating to a gateway of the network operator; provided that the IN call is not initiated in a basic network based on the intelligent network, and if so;  
passing the IN call to the gateway.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for handling a network call, comprising:  
a server;  
a switching center;  
an intelligent network (IN) with a service platform; and  
a basic network being based on the intelligent network;  
the server receiving an IN query from the switching center, the IN query relating to a call received by the basic network, the server utilizing information contained in the IN query for determining whether the intelligent network supports the call, and if so, the server passing the IN query to the service platform;

wherein the IN query appears to the switching center to be sent directly to the service platform, and wherein the IN query is not sent to the NP server via the service platform.

16. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

responding via the server to the IN query by stating routing information relating to a gateway in the basic network provided that the call is not initiated in the basic network.

17. (Previously presented) A method for handling intelligent network (IN) calls identified by a switching center having Service Switching Point (SSP) functionality, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an IN query in the switching center relating to an IN call;  
sending the IN query to a number portability (NP) server, wherein the IN query appears to the switching center to be sent directly to a service platform having Service Control Point (SCP) functionality, and wherein the IN query is not sent to the NP server via the service platform;

utilizing the IN query in the NP server to determine a network operator supporting the IN call; and

passing the IN query to a service platform associated with an intelligent network of the network operator so that the IN query appears to the service platform to come from the switching center.